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Sir:

In response to the written election requirement dated June 30, 1999, the applicants hereby elect the immunotherapeutic agent of claim 3 as the election of species to help facilitate the examination process. The applicants also elect SEQ ID NO. 1 and the HLA class II molecules to further facilitate the examination process. Please note that SEQ ID NO. 1 contains all of the HLA class II molecules recited in claim 7.

This election of species is done to expedite prosecution and should not be taken to indicate agreement with the election requirement or the reasons stated for requiring the election.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 19-0065.

The applicants invite the Examiner to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any aspect of this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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